

(b) the norms being followed in selecting the Chief Executives and Executives Directors in the Central Public Sector Undertakings?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Information will be collected and laid on the table of the House.

(b) there is no reservation for the Members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for appointment to the Board-level positions in the Central Public Sector Undertakings. The selections are made on the basis of the specific job requirements of each Board-level post from among the candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria with regard to age, experience and the posts held by them in their respective organisations. At the time of interview, the Public Enterprises Selection Board also takes into account the experience, service records and the Annual Confidential Reports of the persons and their performance in the the interview.

[*Translation*]

Letter of Intent to set up Sugar Mill in Uttar Pradesh

3298. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government had issued a letter of intent to set up a sugar mill in Aenthu Kalakankar village of district Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the setting up of the sugar mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Project authorities, the progress made in the implementation of the project is as under:-

- (i) They have purchased 2.5 Acres (approx) land for the construction of buildings etc.
- (ii) They have entered into a memorandum of understanding with TEDCO international Ltd., New Delhi for financial arrangement to the extent of Rs. 4 crores in a phased manner.
- (iii) They have developed few acres of land for cane plantation by supplying Cane seed.
- (iv) They are inviting quotations for the purchase of plant and machinery.

Drinking Water Problem in Gujarat

3299. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought any financial assistance from the Union Government to solve the problem of drinking water;

(b) the number of villages in Gujarat where drinking water is yet to be provided;

(c) the financial assistance likely to be provided this year to supply drinking water in the State; and

(d) the details of other schemes of the State for providing drinking water in the villages particularly in the tribal belt?